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Today's helipad closure surprises many

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM AND LEA SMALDON
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Helicopter ambulance-landing pads for eight Alberta hospitals shut down today with little notice to affected municipalities and no clear reason why.

Alberta's medical superboard announced Friday it must temporarily suspend landings at Edmonton's Royal Alexandra Hospital and seven rural facilities, including Didsbury's, because they fail to meet amended federal regulations.

Didsbury Mayor Brian Wittal was told Friday, the local landing pad would be one of those slated to close June 30. He first heard the news from a reporter and later that day received confirmation by Alberta Health Services.

Alberta Health Services, which operates 60 helipads in the province, told Wittal the town's helipad not only fails to meet federal standards, but size requirements for new STARS air ambulances.

"I was surprised. This was the first I heard of it," said Wittal.

He said he attended a meeting of mayors on June 12 to address a leaked David Thompson Health Region document that suggested a number of hospitals were slated for downgrading. At the round table of over 40 mayors from Central Alberta, Alberta Health Services said downgrading was no longer being considered.

There was no mention of suspending helipads.

Alberta Health Services apologized today for the obvious disconnect and oversight in not informing affected

communities and their mayors sooner.

Hospital helipads in Sundre, Didsbury, Barrhead, Castor, Consort, Wainwright and Westlock, will be shut down for at least three months while the medical board determines which will be upgraded to proper Transport Canada standards and which may have to be closed permanently.

In the meantime, emergency air transportation will be forced to land in nearby municipal airports, instead of flying patients directly to hospitals. Didsbury patients will travel by ground ambulance to the Olds-Didsbury Airport, 5.6 kilometres north of Didsbury, for transfer.

Wittal said he's concerned precious time and resources will be stretched to accommodate Alberta Health Services' contingency plan.

"(The transfer) could be tied up an extra half hour. If it was at the hospital it would be a lot quicker."

STARS flew to the Didsbury Hospital 13 times in the last year and although that may not seem like a lot, it's 13 lives saved, Wittal said.

He also wonders if using ambulances to transport patients to the municipal airport will potentially put the system at risk, especially if all of the ambulances are out on other calls.

The mayor intends to ensure Mountain View Regional Emergency Services, which contracts ground ambulance service to nearby municipalities, has its contingency plan in place.

So why has this decision been made now?

Alberta Health Services said a federal regulatory body

did an inspection, after which, the board was informed the landings didn't comply with Transport Canada regulations.

"We were asked to put in a contingency plan based on a June 30 closure," said Brenda Fischer, the superboard's senior vice-president of emergency medical services.

Fischer did not know when the inspection was done or what specific regulations the facilities failed to comply with.

Transport Canada, the regulatory body for helipad landings, said they hadn't heard of the closures until reporters called them Friday. They deny any involvement in the decision and say they haven't made any amendments to its regulations since 2007.

To further muddy the waters, Fischer said the new STARS air ambulances have nothing to do with helipad closures, as was initially cited by a Alberta Health representative, Friday.

She also said the move is not financially motivated, but the decision to update the facilities will be.

"If we are going to spend the money to remediate them, then we need to make sure...that this is an appropriate use of funding."

The medical organization hasn't yet issued a press release or information on its website. Fischer said their first step was to inform the MLAs and the mayors in affected communities, which was done at the end of last week and over the weekend.

The general public was to be informed this week, after the helipads shut down.



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HATS OFF - Members of the 2009 Didsbury High School graduating class toss their mortarboard hats into the air at the conclusion of the cap and gown ceremony Friday night. For more coverage of this year's grad, please see page 2.



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2009 grads celebrate their future

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
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Aiming for a career of travel and languages

Martina Davidson has heard enough languages to know she wants to spend her life translating them.

The graduate, who scooped up humanity awards in Friday's 2009 cap and gown Didsbury High School graduation ceremony, has always had a penchant for English. It wasn't until she picked up on the Japanese vernacular that her fascination with global speech began.

"I immersed myself in Japanese culture and I tried to teach myself how to speak it. That's when I discovered I really like learning about new places and new languages," she said.

The 18-year-old is trooping off to the University of Calgary next fall to get a double major in English and Japanese. After that, who knows where the road will take her?

"When I get my degree I want to see the world and translate in the process or I'll teach English as a second language," she said.

"I just think it's so fascinating how many languages there are and I want to learn more."

The next on her list to study: Chinese, Korean and French.

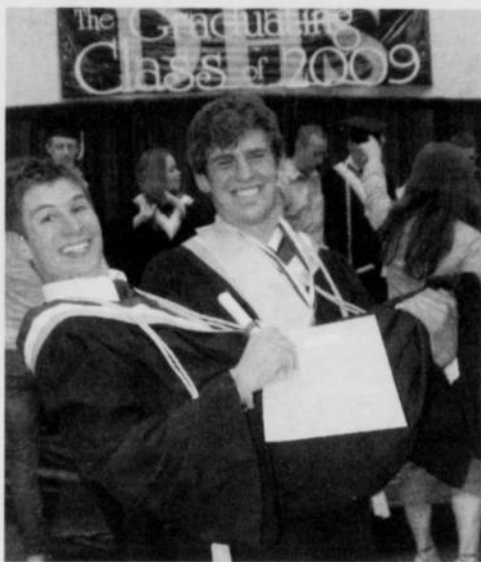
Didsbury High School principal Garth Dagg, isn't surprised at the direction Davidson is going. "She has a knack for picking up on languages and her skills in humanities are...beyond her years," he said.

He added the graduate, who volunteered on student council, as well as the grad and yearbook committees, is a quiet leader who will be well missed by students and staff. This summer Davidson is heading on her first overseas trip to the country of her new love - Japanese.

It's her first time on a plane and a long trip to boot, but she has never been more excited.



MARTINA DAVIDSON



A LIGHTER MOMENT - Valedictorian Landon Poffenroth lifts his classmate, Zac McCargar during the 2009 Didsbury High School cap and gown ceremony Friday night while posing for parent photographers.

and Portland. He's handed out clothes and food to the cities' homeless and seen first hand the joy it brings them.

"In some ways building relationships with the homeless who need help was inspiring," he said.

So inspiring that Poffenroth plans to use his career to make the world a better place. And how? He plans to trek to Africa with Engineers without Borders. "It has been a dream of mine for a long time to build geo-wells with Engineers without Borders. It would be cool to use my career to help people who need water," he said.

And that's not all he intends to do overseas.

He also wants to do something for the child soldiers; an issue that's close to his heart.

"I love kids and I don't like seeing their childhood taken away to do things not even grown men should do," he said.

"I want to become part of a program that creates a safe place for these children to be; one that gives them food, clothes, shelter and a place to be a child again."

But first things first, he is studying in the engineering program at the University of Calgary this fall. The institution gave him a community service scholarship of \$10,000 each year for three years of his studies.

Hilda Mari Hansen, who has watched Poffenroth volunteer throughout his high school career, says she has no doubt the man will contribute to this world. "He is amazing for a young person. He works for the good of the cause and

he does things because it's the right thing to do," she said. "Then because Landon's doing, everyone else does it too. He is a natural leader."

In addition to volunteering, Poffenroth is an academic and an athlete. He gets involved with any school or community sport that pops up.

The graduate has maintained a 92 per cent average in his studies and stood up as one of two valedictorians at Friday's cap and gown ceremony. How does he do it all?

"My passion to be involved in this community is what keeps me going. There are times when I tire, but it's all worth it."

Future non-profit worker believes in getting involved

Suzanne Baril, 18, doesn't wait for change, she makes it happen.

"So many people have a negative attitude towards being raised in a small town," she said.

"I decided that if I am going to live here, I have to get involved and make it the community I want to be raised in; that I want to come back to."

Baril is so involved, that she and her day planner have become inseparable. It's something her peers don't hesitate to tease her about, she said.

Her timetable is teeming with volunteer activities in and out of school, from being the president of Didsbury High School's student council to the coach for the Didsbury Aqua Jets.

"This is a girl who has her finger in every pie," said Leanne Jacobson, a teacher at Didsbury High School.

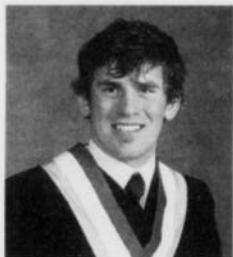
"She is the first person to volunteer and she's the girl to get the job done. This is someone whose community means a lot to her and she works hard to make a contribution to it."

Didsbury's former mayor, Dorothy Moore, encouraged Baril to sign up for the local community services board. She wasn't sure she could take on another project, but she applied anyway. "When I got it, I was like 'oh man, I don't think I have time for this,' she said. "But now I really like it."

She works out of the Neighborhood Place office filing grants and organizing volunteer appreciation celebrations. Occasionally other doors open for her, like being a part of the Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee or stepping into MLA Richard Marz's shoes for a day.

In the fall, Baril plans to start a degree in non-profit studies at Mount Royal College.

"I intend to come back and work in a non-government non-profit, although I could end up in Family Community and Support Services or Alberta Children and Youth Services."



LANDON POFFENROTH

Would-be engineer dreams of building water wells in Africa

If there's one thing keeping Landon Poffenroth motivated, it's the people in this world who need help most.

The 18-year-old has gone on mission trips with the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church to the inner cities of Vancouver

\$33,000 in scholarships given out despite recession

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

It was a sad moment for Gord Fulton, when Didsbury High School came asking for scholarship donations and he had nothing to give.

Fulton has contributed \$500 to the fund over the last two years in memory of his charge Yonas Kassa Amahazion. Amahazion, who lived in Didsbury with

Fulton and his wife, returned to his Calgary family in 2006. Shortly after, Fulton heard the 19-year-old was found dead and burning in a northeast dumpster. For the last several years, Fulton and his wife have supported and sheltered youth through Alberta Children and Youth Services. "All of the kids who come to live with us touch our hearts in some way and you want to see them all do well. We never want anyone to end up the way

(Amahazion) did. It was tragic."

When Hilda Mari Hansen, head of the Didsbury High School scholarship committee, first approached Fulton for donations, he saw it as a chance to help aspiring youth in memory of his ward. "I felt that people need to remember the kids who are alive; who are out there with dreams and aspirations and who need encouragement," he said.

This year, Fulton has had to stop donating. The recession hit his store, Victoria's Flowers and Gifts, hard and that means he can't give to anyone.

"Youth are our future and it's sad for me to be in a position to have to say no." Usually the shop on Main Street is still flourishing come June; with the business sailing on dollars earned during peak holiday periods. But this year, few bought posies for Valentine's and Mother's Day and it has made business at the flower and gift shop slower than usual.

Victoria's Flowers and Gifts isn't the only local business hit by the recession. Hansen said she came across a few businesses in Didsbury, especially in the construction sector, that couldn't give because of tough times. But it's not all bad news. Despite losing some donors, the fund is still snowballing. Over forty businesses and families shelled out \$33,000; the most the school has raised.

Dan Peters, a real estate agent with CIR, was one businessman still able to give.

"Times aren't exactly booming, but business is still good and we feel it's important to give back to the community," he said.

Monies raised were handed over to 25 scholarship winners during their graduation ceremony, June 26.

Four years ago, when the scholarship committee first formed, seven Didsbury High School students shared \$6,000 in scholarship funds.

"It was a drop in the bucket as far as Sharon Israelson and I were concerned," Hansen said.

"We set out to raise funds in the community and educate students on how to apply for these scholarships."

Israelson died of cancer last year and Hansen has continued to raise funds for the cause on her own. "It doesn't matter if the students are going into heavy duty mechanics or nuclear physics; SALT or university, we believe those continuing their education need support and recognition from the community," she said. Hansen adds that several Didsbury High School students have gone on to pursue remarkable careers: Andrea McColloch is an opera singer in New York, Jason Spreeman, a jet pilot for the American Army and Laureen Hall Campbell, a veterinarian. They followed their dreams and that's what Hansen hopes these recent graduates will do with a financial boost.

The scholarships were handed out to students with a 65 per cent average in 50 credits of their choosing. Each of the chosen had notable community involvement, school citizenship and academic achievements. "To me, these youth were all about participation in life and to me that makes a citizen, not the genius," Hansen said.

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Wayne Diamond takes nephew Colton Diamond for a walk to view the lineup of motorcycles along Main Street during the Ride for Dad fundraiser Saturday.

Riders roar through town

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
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Over 100 leather-clad motorcyclists revved up Saturday for the second annual Rural Ride for Dad.

The fundraising event is geared towards getting men - especially those in skullcaps and black chaps - talking about prostate cancer. "The cancer affects men and deals with things men aren't comfortable talking openly about. This kind of event is helping men to...not be as self-conscious and it encourages them to get checked out," said Michelle Ponich, an organizer for the Rural Ride for Dad. PSA units measure the level of prostate specific antigen in the blood and are common in city hospitals.

"Our hope is that the money will be directed towards providing rural communities with portable PSA units," said Greg Overwater, an organizer for the Rural Ride for Dad. PSA units measure the level of prostate specific antigen in the blood and are common in city hospitals.

But not all rural men will go to the city to get the screening done. Overwater said. "We need to make testing more accessible." Riders kicked off at 10 a.m. in High River, Didsbury and Stettler for a five-hour, 300-kilometre loop before returning to the Didsbury train station in the afternoon for prizes, music and food. Wayne Howden and his wife Mary rode in on their Yamaha Star and were some of the first to join the line for grub.

"It's our first time at the event and it was a great ride," said Howden, whose friend recently died of prostate cancer.

He said he can see this ride gaining popularity as more people get on board for the

cause. Last year the event attracted 46 riders and raised \$86,000 for the Edmonton Institute for Cancer. This year the number of riders tripled to nearly 130. The total dollars raised hasn't been determined yet, but organizers estimate it will be around \$150,000. John McNeilly, Western Canada's operations manager for the National organization Ride for Dad, said this hog, chopper and Harley event is only going to get bigger. "We usually see a 50 per cent increase between the first and second year and a 25 per cent increase every year after that," he said. The Rural Ride for Dad is the first of its kind in Alberta - but it won't be the last. Although no one else can take the name, other rural Albertan communities are eager to host their own rides for prostate cancer. "This is a good cause that's good for the local economy," McNeilly said. "We are getting a lot of requests to open chapters." Prostate cancer is also a cause that more women are openly supporting.

Melissa Christensen thundered in from High River on her 1800 VTX Honda. The rest of her family wasn't far behind.

"We made this a family event. It's a worthwhile cause," she said, pointing out her dad, sister, aunt and uncle. Ponich wasn't surprised to hear women are hopping on the back of motorcycles or ripping along the highway on their own. They may not have prostates, but they have husbands, brothers or fathers who are affected by the cancer. "This is a disease that affects the whole family and women are usually the ones who encourage their partners to get screened," she said. According to Statistics Canada, prostate cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canadian men and it ranks second behind lung cancer in deaths. In 2002 an estimated 18,200 men were diagnosed with the disease and 4,300 died from it.

17 acre park opening part of Canada Day events

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

It's been a long time coming, but on Canada Day, Memorial Park will officially open its gates to the public.

The complex has been in the works for the last eight years, bogged down by design glitches and lack of funds.

"If anything could go wrong with the project, it did," said Roy Brown, chief administrative officer for the Town of Didsbury.

Five years ago a downpour flooded the old landfill site, creating deep grooves in the main park as water gushed into a nearby coulee. The city had to redesign the park to accommodate a storm water sewer system and higher elevation.

And that was just the beginning.

The 17-acre park has also fallen off the table as the town waited for more dollars or when the focus switched to other local developments.

"This has been a very frustrating experience," Brown said. "It's pretty satisfying to see it in its current state."

The \$300,000 facility includes a walking trail, baseball diamonds and an amphithe-

atre that seats 4,000 people.

"We are hoping this will encourage economic development by attracting a number of teams and tournaments," Brown said.

The new facility was also much needed by local baseball teams.

Mayor Brian Wittal, who himself plays baseball, said there is a shortage of baseball diamonds in the community and a number of teams demanding a space to play.

The development of this site is far from over. The town plans to create a campground for ball players and a permanent concession stand with washrooms.

On Canada Day, Memorial Park will host local band Broken Heroes, as well as a petting farm, train rides and a farmers' market. This will be the first time the town is invited to check out Memorial Park and council hopes it'll be well enjoyed.

Ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Memorial Park is at 1 p.m.

"I hope everyone is impressed with what we have here and that they come out to use and support these facilities," Wittal said.

'Odd' signs attract laughter, comments

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Water restrictions may be serious, but the signs advertising them are getting nothing but laughs.

The town put up notices to let residents know the area has hit Level 1 water restrictions.

They read "level one water restrictions odd or even."

Roy Brown, chief administrative officer for the Town of Didsbury, said the phone lines have been ringing with com-

ments and jests about the signs.

Residents want to know exactly what "odd and even" constitutes: house numbers or personalities? "What we mean is that on odd calendar days, residents in homes with odd numbered addresses get to water," Brown said.

The signs are located on 20th Ave. near the Didsbury Hospital and north on 23rd St.

The last time town officials were ribbed about a poster was when one reading "Didsbury Cemetery, Dead End" appeared on national T.V.

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TAMARA CUNNINGHAM



Nanaimo, B.C.

"OK, Tamara," my editor said. "We have Matthew Good on the line, go for it."

I gave my editor a wobbly smile and wiped my palms on my pant leg. The yellow receiver was heavy in my hands.

"Hi, Mr. Good. I'd like to ask you a few questions..." I began.

My voice was hushed. I didn't want my editor to hear me if I made a mistake.

"What is your favourite book?" I asked.

Minutes after asking a series of 'what's your favourite' questions, my face was a mottled red and my eyes were brimming with tears.

My editor swung into the office, took one look at my face and guessed what had happened. Matthew Good had hung up. Before I got the dial tone, I heard him yell to his agent "what kind of interview is this?"

Despite a rocky start, I stuck with the profession. It was my dream to be a reporter.

I've become a considerably better journalist since my first interview eight years ago.

Since my start, I've won provincial and national awards for investigative reporting. I've freelanced for the Nanaimo Daily News and the Kamloops Daily News and worked for the Fairview Post and the Dawson Creek Daily News.

This summer, my career has led me to Didsbury. I'm looking forward to writing stories about the goings-on in this community, but I can't keep my finger on the pulse of this town by myself. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me with news of upcoming events or story ideas.

I also welcome any feedback from the occasional newsstand buyer and our readers about what this newspaper can do to serve you better.

Shelter needed

DAN SINGLETON



A newly-released report from the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters Association (ACWS) highlights what many people already believe – that it's high time that Alberta's shameful status as one of Canada's domestic violence hotspots be brought to an end.

The Keep Women Alive report was released by the association last week following two years of research by various stakeholders.

The report is recommending that governments do more to improve access for abused women and children to second stage shelters that allow victims to remain safely housed while they seek to build new lives.

The Keep Women Alive Report researchers found that while the incidence of domestic violence in Alberta remain among the highest in any Canadian province, provincial shelters are playing a leading role in finding ways to keep women and their children safe.

More than 12,000 Alberta women and children sought refuge in provincial shelters last year, representing about 12 per cent of the national total. There were 14 domestic violence related deaths in Alberta in 2008.

While completely eradicating domestic violence across Alberta should remain the end goal of all stakeholders, the Stelmach government can and should do more right now by giving additional support to Alberta's shelters, which are, as Jan Reimer rightly says, an "essential service in keeping women safe."

Alberta must be a great place for families, businesses and visitors alike – and never somewhere where domestic violence is commonplace or tolerated.

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TOUGH TIMES REQUIRE ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS...

Letters to the editor

Give us the real reason behind helipad closures

In the June 27 edition of the Calgary Herald, the senior vice-president of emergency medical services for Alberta Health Services, Brenda Fischer, said that it is necessary to close down eight helicopter landing pads for at least two months under the guise of new Transport Canada regulations. These landing pads service hospitals located in Barrhead, Castor, Consort, Didsbury, Sundre, Wainwright, Westlock, and the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton. Transport Canada has refuted this claim, saying that they have made no changes that would necessitate these closures.

Brenda Fischer, would you please be so kind as to explain the real reason why these helipads are being closed?

Whether the executive decision is correct or not remains to be seen, however using a false pretense as the rationale for the closures will only hurt your credibility and make it even harder to justify any of the future unfavourable decisions that are sure to be made by Alberta Health Services. And while you might think that I am a bit presumptuous to call you out on your explanation, it is important for you to understand that in these smaller communities, everybody knows someone who knows what is really going

on. To use Didsbury as an example, they have known for months that their helipad is not compliant, yet their attempts to get the issue rectified were met with a lack of action from both the Calgary Health Region, and the new Alberta Health Services.

It should also be noted that these communities are tremendous supporters of STARS. I do hope that, like me, the other residents of these communities continue to show their support for STARS as the service that it provides is invaluable.

John Bowhay
Didsbury

Canada Post clarifies general delivery rules

In response to Rick Phelan's letter, published in the June 22 Didsbury Review, Canada Post wishes to provide an explanation and some context to this situation.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience Mr. Phelan may have experienced when mail sent to his former address, care of General Delivery, was returned to the sender. However, this is also an opportune time to explain our policy on mail redirection and reinforce why it's important for recipients to ensure their mailing address is up to date.

Once Canada Post assigns an individual a post office box, we pro-

vide change of address cards and six months of free mail redirection. Thereafter, it is up to individuals to ensure that those they correspond with have their correct address. Alternately, if more time is required for notification of the address change, the mail redirection period can be extended for a fee.

Administratively it's simply not feasible to cross-check names against the town's 2,400 mailbox holders – nor does such a list exist, hence the policy is enforced, as explained to Mr. Phelan.

The easiest way to ensure your important mail and indeed all your

mail is received is to verify that those you correspond with have your most current address.

Instances of Canada Post employees tracking down addresses based on the sketchiest information still occur across the country; however, these special measures are not meant to replace individuals or businesses keeping up-to-date mailing addresses for those they correspond with.

Sandra Sobko,
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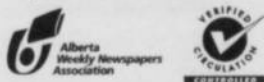
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Town Administration Office: 2037 - 19 Avenue • Phone: 403-335-3391 • Fax: 403-335-9794



Happy Canada Day!
Town of Didsbury Administration Offices will be
Closed on July 1, 2009

DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS:

Administration	403-335-3391
Public Works: 7:30am to 4:00pm	403-335-8343
Planning & Infrastructure	403-335-3391
Didsbury Neighborhood Place	403-335-8719
Didsbury Information Line	403-335-2030
Community Services & FCSS	403-335-8719
Didsbury Landfill	403-335-2005
Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre	403-335-7369
Rosebud Valley Campground	403-335-8578
Chamber of Commerce Office	403-335-3265
Library	403-335-3142

PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

*The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month
from Noon to 1:00 pm (next date: July 10, 2009)*

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

DP 57-09	2130 - 18 Ave.	Setback waiver for deck, with conditions	R2
DP 58-09	1515 - 21 Ave.	Deck with steps, with conditions	R2
DP 59-09	101 Valarosa Place	SFD with attached garage, with conditions	R1
DP 60-09	#1, 2204 - 7 Ave.	Deck, with conditions	R2
DP 61-09	26 Valarosa Point	SFD with attached garage, with conditions	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on July 15, 2009.

Kim Boyd, Development Officer

Rollout Cart Schedule June 2009

Black Bin Green Bin

Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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2009 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAXATION NOTICES WERE MAILED ON MAY 21, 2009.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR NOTICE
PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE TAX DEPARTMENT
AT 403-335-7354.**



**TAXES ARE DUE
JUNE 30, 2009**

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

**THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT PAYMENT
FOR MUNICIPAL TAXES BY CREDIT CARDS (VISA & MASTERCARD).**

**Payments will be accepted by Cash, Cheque, Debit Card or
Money Order, Electronic Banking or you can pay at your
Financial Institution.**

DID YOU KNOW...

If you move to a new address, your water and sewer account number will change. Don't forget to update your account number when paying your bill on-line.

Come and enjoy CANADA DAY AT MEMORIAL PARK Wednesday, July 1, 2009

Join Town of Didsbury Staff at Memorial Park for it's Grand Opening and Canada Day Celebrations from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. In case of rain, Canada Day Celebrations will be moved to the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

Activities will include jump-houses, ride on train, petting zoo, live music, free barbecue, concession for purchase, farmer's market and much more!

**Finish off the day with a spectacular fireworks display at the Westglen School grounds after dark. "Bring Lawn Chairs"
Please call 403-335-8719 for more information.**

WATER RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION

Effective May 14, 2009 Didsbury is at a LEVEL 1 RESTRICTION until further notice.

Level 1 - Restrict outside watering (lawn, garden, car washing at home, etc.) to even-numbered addresses on even calendar days, and odd-numbered addresses on odd calendar days.

Please contact the Town of Didsbury Office at 403-335-3391 or the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission at 403-227-5828 if you have any questions.

Courses at D.A.C

Assistant Water Safety Instructor: This course is designed to introduce basic instructional and leadership concepts to prepare candidates for the Water Safety Instructors Course.

Prerequisites: 15 yrs of age and Red Cross Swim Kids level 10

Dates: July 15, 17, 20, 22 7:00am - 3:00pm

Cost: \$175.00

Water Safety Instructor Course: This course is designed to certify participants in class management, teaching, evaluation, safety supervision, leadership, communication and administration of the Red Cross Swim program.

Prerequisites: 16 yrs of age and AWSI certification.

Dates: Aug 10, 12, 14 7:00am - 3:00pm

Cost: \$235.00

**Call Didsbury Aquatic Centre at 403-335-7369
for more information & to register.**



DIDSBURY NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

***YOUNG CHEFS** - Learn the tricks of preparing quick, simple, fun-to-make meals that taste great! For ages 8-12 years, all participants must bring an apron to class. July 6, July 13 and July 20 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Cost is \$40/child for the three sessions.

***GO GIRL** - The Town of Didsbury's Go Girl! Program offers self-esteem and peer-building activities and events. For Girls aged 10-13 years. Program will run July 7 - August 11 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Cost is \$45.

***MAKE YOUR OWN SPA PRODUCTS** - Join Town of Didsbury's staff on July 9 or August 27 from 9:30 - 11:30 am for a fun morning making your own Spa Products from scratch. For girls aged 8 - 12 years. Cost is \$15.

For more info or to register, call DNP at 403-335-8719

Coming This Summer to Didsbury Recreation...

ONE WEEK SOCCER CAMP JULY 6 - 10, 2009

Highly qualified British Soccer Coaches will be running a one week camp in Didsbury for ages 3 to 16!

First Kicks	Ages 3-4	10:45-11:45 am	\$77
Mini Soccer	Ages 4-5	9:00-10:30 am	\$93
Player Development	Ages 6-16	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$125
Player Development	Ages 6-16	1:00-4:00 pm	\$125
Advanced Full Day Program	Ages 7-16	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$175

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constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

CITIZENS ON PATROL - Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed. in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Goult at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835.

BEAVERS Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TIME OUT Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S. Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Stecker at 403-335-4281.

DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 335-4676 for info.

LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 403-335-8484 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

HALL RENTALS: Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• **5-0 Club Hall Rentals.** For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861. • **To Rent Didsbury Elks Hall.** Call Jim Wade 403-335-3481. • **To Rent St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall.** contact Myra Watt 403-335-3745. • **To Rent the Lone Pine Hall.** which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • **To Rent Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 403-335-8860. • **The Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for info at 403-637-2270.

SPEND ONE HOUR A WEEK WITH A CHILD AT SCHOOL. Have fun together - play games, shoot some hoops, draw, read or do crafts. Mentoring works! Call Mountain View Mentoring at 403-586-0110. Volunteers needed in Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds & Sundre. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail.

DIDSBURY LIFELINE Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS invite you to sing with us 7 p.m. Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave. 36th

DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317 Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Irene Collinge 403-335-4589.

ALANON: For family and friends of alcoholics, Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each

month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson. 403-335-7285.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St. Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

3025 RCACC Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall

559-8801.

ADULT HALL WALKING at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Also free blood sugar testing on Mondays. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM OPEN 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed. Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment. Joan 403-335-6644 or Shirley 403-335-3277.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

PARENT LINK CENTER Drop in play. FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 Ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466.

IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the Church of God 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

BABY DROP IN starting in September @ Didsbury Neighbourhood Place from 9:30 to 11:00 on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday of the month. A great opportunity to have your baby weighed, talk to a public health nurse & meet other new parents of babies.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE supper meetings every 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE is a resource centre for the down, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA - For fun, friendship and adventure for girls and women of all ages! Join anytime. Leaders are needed for all units, no experience necessary. Ages: Sparks 5/6; Brownies 7/8; Guides 9 - 11; Pathfinders 12 - 14; rangers 15 & up. Call Karen 403-556-6881 for more info.

FRIDAYS - Cribbage starts at 5-0 Club at 7:00 pm. TFN

NO BABY DROP-IN - There will be no baby drop-in in July and August. It will resume in September. To speak with a public health nurse or arrange a baby weight check phone 403-335-7292. 25-34

JAM SESSION - Opportunity for acoustic string musicians to play bluegrass, folk, country at Tuesday night jam sessions in Didsbury. (ie. fiddle, mando, guitar, banjo, dobro or stand up bass, etc.) Limited space available. call 335-4631. tfn

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB - Hawaiian Luau tournament Saturday, July 18, 2:00 p.m. 403-335-3635. 25-28

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB - Mr. & Mrs. / Him & Her Tournament Saturday July 11 9:00 a.m. 403-335-3635. 25-27

47TH ANNUAL DIDSBURY HORSE SHOW - July 11 & 12 at the Didsbury Exhibition Grounds. For information contact Arlene Morrish. 403-590-6454 or amorrish@fire-horse.net. 25-27

FRIENDS OF DIDSBURY LIBRARY - Next meeting July 15, 2009. 7:00 p.m. at the library. 25-28

WIZARDS & WONDERS: A JOURNEY JUST BEGUN! - Vacation Bible Adventure July 13 - 17: 9am - noon. Knox United Church. Info 403-335-9184. 26-29

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Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

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Rector - Bev Bonnie S. Luft
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Mid-week service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian Community who welcomes newcomers.
Sunday School will start back in September

Knox United Didsbury

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Minister Nancy Nourse
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Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.
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West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles
Pastor Trevor Kriaka, info - 337-2020
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
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Bergthal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta
5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,
8km E on Bergthal Rd.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Pastor: Elwin Garland
For more information ph. - 335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA
1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohs
Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group
Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical

Missionary Church
14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 335-4422
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
For more information please contact
Claude Bartl - 335-3842
Catholic Women's League:
Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507
Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil - 335-8611

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

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Corner Hwy. 582 & 20th Ave.
Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zcmc.org
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor
John Reimer, Associate Pastor
(Life Groups & Worship)
Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor
(Global Connections & Youth)
Alison Lefebvre, Director of Youth Ministries
Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries
Summer Sunday Services 10:00 am
Children's Programs for up to Grade 6
Fall Schedule Re-starting September 13

School's out

KATARINA GRAVES

As the week comes to a close and the month as well, we here at DHS look back and reflect upon the year that passed us by so quickly.

Volleyball, basketball, badminton and track and field have all wrapped up. The band has played its final concert, ending on a smashing note. The drama team has put on yet another wonderful performance and now, much to our bane, the final exams and Scantrons have been passed out.

But the classes have ended, so finally we can rest our aching heads and cramped hands.

With the Grade 9s gone for the 37th annual Grade 9 camp they were piled with homework and last minute units to finish up and old projects to hand in and zero-assignments to redo.

The Grade 12s were no less hectic, as busy as bees in the flurry of activity that surrounds the grad class in their last year - graduation pictures, grand march practice, the ever-essential buying of a tuxedo or dress and the great, crowning glory: diploma exams.

Sounds ominous, right?

July and August are a near promise of hot sun, sand, turquoise waters, cool drinks, and all forms of fun. Though this is Alberta, so no promises about the hot sun.

We return to school on September 3. But that's a long way off and I doubt many of us will be fretting over schoolish peculiarities until absolutely necessary.

So all that's left to say is that the school year has finally bid goodbye and wish our grads a little R&R this summer before they begin their sure-to-be successful lives. It's been fun!

HAPPY CANADA DAY!

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Sunday, June 28 to Saturday, July 4 403-335-9595

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Catch up with Chamber news

I would like to start my first article for the new Didsbury and District Chamber page by thanking the Didsbury Review for assisting us with putting this page together. We feel that it will be a great asset to the chamber members as well as the local community, keeping everyone informed of the many chamber activities throughout the year.

On June 3, 2009 the chamber held its last GM before the summer break and this year it was also our AGM. Everyone who attended had a great time and the steaks were delicious, thanks to Greg's skills at the grill! Although we did have to hold our annual meeting at the same time things went very smoothly and we still had lots of time for mingling and networking. I am very pleased to announce the results of our elections. President-Margo Ward; Vice-President-Greg Poirier; Secretary-Ian Kennedy; Treasurer-Lou Meiklejohn; Directors-Diana Steer, Shelley Fakir, and Jean Reichenbach. If you know these people please congratulate them for stepping forward. We still have one position available so if anyone is interested please contact Margo Ward at 403-556-5201. We have a phenomenal new council and I look forward to working with them all. Everyone brings their own unique skills to the board and I thank them dearly for volunteering. Our next General Meeting will be on September 9, 2009 and our meeting committee is in the process of planning the supper and our speaker. Please mark the date on your calendar.

Our annual Merchants' Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, August 14th; contact Greg Poirier (403-335-9595) if you would like to volunteer for this event. It's a great chance to meet a lot of people from Didsbury and area. This breakfast marks the beginning of Rodeo Weekend and we encourage all the businesses to decorate their stores and dress western for the weekend to show our support for the Ag Society. Of course the Elks will have their pancake breakfast on Saturday and follow that with their parade. If you are interested in entering a float in the parade please contact Shaun Waite at 403-335-3188. The theme for the parade this year is Minor Sports.

The council will be taking a break for the month of July but we will be back in full swing in August. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the new Christmas lights at that time, but there will be more on this in the next article.

Wishing you and your families a GREAT SUMMER!



NEW COUNCIL - 2009 - 2010 chamber council members Shelley Fakir, Lou Meiklejohn, Margo Ward, Jean Reichenbach, and Diana Steer are joined by Mayor Brian Wittal. Missing from the photo is council member Ian Kennedy.



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Wittal auctions his services

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Mayor Brian Wittal is stepping on the auction block for charity this fall and plans to do whatever tasks the highest bidder does out. But please don't give him household chores, he said.

"I pride myself on being a handy fellow. I've built houses, fixed and repaired things and done farm work. I'm a blue job, rather than a pink job kind of guy," he said. The charity event is the Mountain View Foundation Gala, happening September 26 at Olds College. The community is invited to attend an evening of food, entertainment and auction for \$100 a ticket. The money raised will go towards buying new furniture and equipment for Mount View Lodge in Olds. So how did Didsbury's mayor get involved? "I told Coun. Ernie Ryckman that if he auctions off his services, so will the mayor," Wittal said. "It's a good cause."

Wittal hopes bidding for his four hours

of work will reach \$160 or \$40 an hour. At worst he wants minimum wage.

"If I don't get minimum wage, I'll have to go to the Labour Relations Board about it," he said, chuckling.

It's not yet known how many councilors will sell their services for donations during the affair.

Wittal says he intends to challenge Olds' mayor, Judy Dahl, to join him on the auction block.

Town makes a movie

Didsbury will star in its own movie this summer. The Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) is giving Didsbury and 40 other member communities each \$900 to make a video on what their town has to offer. The town foots the rest of the bill.

"This is all about economic development. With a video, we can give developers and business owners a sense of what

our community looks like in real time," said Mayor Brian Wittal. The movie is costing the town \$1,700, which will be drawn from the economic development budget.

The clip will pan the downtown core and capture the historic charm of the frontier-style brick buildings. It'll flash pictures of parks, land available for development, schools, the hospital and

anything else that could coax businesses and their employees to the area. "We want to see growth. From a tax-based perspective, there needs to be a good balance between business and residential. Right now it's 89 per cent residential and 11 per cent business," Wittal said.

He doesn't want to see any box stores in Didsbury's boom, but bistros, arts and craft shops, shoe stores and groceries. The town is looking to transform the area into a weekend destination for city folk. The video will be shot over the summer and featured on the Town of Didsbury and the CAEP websites.



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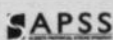
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Attempted vehicle break-in

During the night of June 17 and 8 a.m. the next morning a 1995 Chevy GMT truck parked on Hammond Street in Carstairs was damaged. Police say it appears the perpetrator attempted to enter the vehicle via the driver side door and in turn damaged the handle.

Solar light destroyed

A solar light was damaged on West Highland Crescent in Carstairs on June 19 between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. the following morning.

Gas siphoned from vehicles

On June 22 between 8:30 p.m. and the next morning at 10 a.m., two vehicles parked on 14 Street in

CRIME WATCH



Didsbury had gasoline siphoned from their tanks.

Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson says typically as gas prices begin to rise fuel thefts tend to increase in

tandem.

Police are looking for assistance from the public to identify any suspicious persons in the area at the time.

Quad stolen

A quad worth \$2,700 was stolen from a rural residence on Range Road 20 north of Didsbury. The incident occurred sometime between June 4 and June 23.

The quad is described as a 2004 Eton Viper, yellow in colour and without a licence plate. The quad was stolen without its keys.

Anyone with information about any of the above incidents is asked to contact Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382 or Central Alberta Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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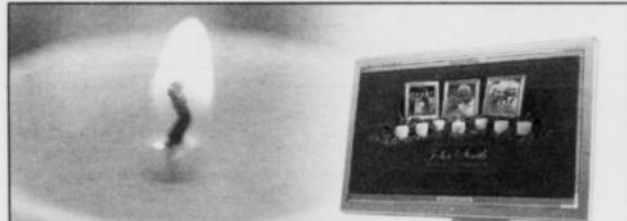
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Thank You
To all my friends and neighbours for all the support and hugs. Special thanks to Dr. Andy for taking such good care of sunny to the end.
Bless you all.
Sincerely, Bev Lane

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Michael & Gloria Redmond of Didsbury and Gary & Ann Ziegler of Olds are pleased to announce the up coming marriage of their children

Laura Lynn Redmond
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